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ABSTRACT:

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Brief Summary Text (3):

The invention relates generally to billing in telecommunications networks, and in particular to a system and method for improving efficiency in billing for mobile telecommunications services.

Brief Summary Text (17):

These and other objects, advantages and features are provided by the method and system for nationwide mobile telecommunications billing. In one embodiment, every local mobile network generates billing information in the same format, known as a master call detail record (MCDR). A base set of fields is populated with information generated by every mobile transaction. Extension fields are populated only when necessary, depending upon the information generated by each mobile transaction.

Detailed Description Text (19):

Equipment integrity register 216 stores international mobile equipment identities (IMEI) for mobile equipment. There are three registers maintained by EIR 216. The white list includes the ranges of IMEIs allocated to type approved mobile equipment. The black list includes the IMEIs of equipment that is to be barred either because the equipment is stolen or is severely malfunctioning. The grey list includes IMEIs for faulty equipment whose malfunctioning is not severe enough for use to be barred or for equipment which is suspected, but not confirmed, of being stolen.

Detailed Description Text (33):

FIG. 4 is a format of a master call detail record (MCDR) 400 which is contained in a memory or a mass storage device of system 280. The MCDR 400 includes base data block 410 and may optionally include one or more extension data blocks 440 to 450. Base data block 410 includes header 412, station ID 414, call information 416, service information 418, timestamp information 420, diagnostic information 422. Header 412 includes the record type field, which indicates the type of event which cause the MCDR to be generated. Station ID 414 includes information which identifies the served mobile station, such as the IMSI and IMEI of the served mobile station. Call information 416 includes information relating to the originator and destination of the call, such as the calling number, the called number, identification of the originating carrier, any special dialing prefixes and the geographic number to which the call is ultimately connected. Service information 418 includes information about the services used to handle the call, such as the trunk group types and other services which may be applied. Timestamp information 420 includes

timestamp information which allows the duration of the call to be determined. Diagnostic information 422 includes termination, reference and sequencing information.

Detailed Description Paragraph Table (1):

TABLE 1 _____ BASE
OR FIELD NAME OPTION DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS

Header Record

Type Base Indicates the type of event which caused MCDR to be generated. For example: Mobile Call Terminating/Originating Call 911 Call Station ID Served IMSI Base International Mobile Subscriber Identification of served subscriber Served IMEI Base International Mobile Equipment Identification of served equipment Served MSISDN Base Call Calling Number Base Telephone number of the Routing originator of the call-15 Digits Information Called Number Base Telephone number dialed by the originator of the call-15 Digits CIC Code Base Carrier Identification Code of the carrier of the originator of the call- 4 Digits Prefix Digits Base Dialed Prefix Information- 4 hex digits recorded: 0000- (null) Not used 0001-0+ 0010-1+ 0011-01+ 0100-011+ 0101-0- 0110 to 000F-Not Used (future expansion) May also include other numbering plans as specified by GSM. Translated Base Geographic telephone number Number translated from called number when called number is a special service number such as 800, 900 or V-net. Translated within the MSC. Roaming Number Base Telephone number of mobile station if station is roaming outside its home area. Used to route the call to the mobile station, if applicable. Connected Base Telephone number of the Number connected station, if different than the called number. Recording Entity Base The number of the visited MSC. Incoming Trunk Base Trunk group on which the inbound Group call is originated. Outgoing Trunk Base Trunk group on which outbound Group call is sent. Location Base Identifies the location and change of location (to be time stamped) of the mobile station. May include: MSC identification MSC trunk group Location area identification Call identification Channels used: Channel type Channel number Change of Base A list of changes in location area Location code and cell identification, each one time stamped. Service Basic Service Base Basic level of service to which Information subscriber subscribes. Bearer or teleservice employed. The starting time of these services will be time stamped. Transparency Base Provided only for those Indicator teleservices which may be employed in both transparent and non-transparent modes. Change of Base A list of changes of basic service Service during a connection, each time stamped. Used to prorate charges for service Supplementary Base Services used which are not Services included in basic service which are invoked as a result of this connection. AOC Parameters Base Advice of Charge service parameters-Advice of Charge service advises subscriber of basic rates for each call. Parameters control how this service is performed. Sent to mobile station on call setup. Change of AOC Base New AOC parameters sent to the Parameters mobile station, e.g. as a result of a tariff changed, including the time at which the new set of parameters was applied. MS Classmark Base The mobile station employed on call setup. Change of Base A list of changes to the classmark Classmark during the connection, each time stamped. Timestamp Event Time Base Time at which seizure of incoming Information Stamp-Incoming traffic channel occurred (for Traffic Channel unsuccessful call attempts) Seizure Event Time Base Time at which seizure of outgoing Stamp-Outgoing traffic channel occurred (for Traffic Channel unsuccessful call attempts) Seizure Event Time Base Time at which successful call was Stamp-Answer answered. (successful call) Event Time Base Time at which traffic channel was Stamp-Release released. of Traffic Channel Channel Radio Channel Extension The type of radio channel, full or Information Requested half rate, requested by the mobile station. Radio Channel Extension The type of radio channel, full or Used half rate, actually used. Change of Radio Extension A list of changes in the radio Channel channel, each time stamped. Incoming Radio Extension Used for radio to radio calls Channel Used Outgoing Radio Extension Used for radio to radio calls Channel Used Diagnostic Cause for Base Reason call was disconnected, such Information Termination as loss of signal, system malfunction, etc. Diagnostics Base Details regarding cause for termination Reference Data Volume Base The number of data segments Information transmitted, if available at the MSC. Sequence Base Partial record sequence number, Number present only for partial records. Call Reference Base A local identifier distinguishing between transactions at the same mobile station. Record Base A set of network/manufacture Extensions specific extensions to the record. Handover Handover Extension The same as the Roaming Number. Information Number Handover MSC Extension MSC to which call was handed Number over during roaming Handover MSC Extension Trunk to which MSC to which call Trunk Number was handed over is connected, during roaming from one MSC to another. Special SS Action Extension Special Service used during call. Service Information SS Action Time Extension Time Special

Service was initiated. Stamp SS Parameters Extension Parameters which were used to perform Special Service SS Action result Extension Result of Special Service Caller/Subscriber Base Indicates who is to be billed for the Paid call, the caller or the subscriber. Default is subscriber paid V & H Extension Vertical and Horizontal grid Coordinates coordinates for North America- two two byte fields Manual Call Extension An indicator for manual request of Trace (MCT) call trace. Initiated by the called party dialing *57 after the call is completed.

CLAIMS:

25. A method for generating and communicating telecommunications billing data in a telecommunications network comprising at least one local mobile network, comprising the steps of:

collecting call traffic information at the local mobile network;

formatting the collected call traffic information into a master call detail record;

determining the telecommunications network to which the master call detail record is to be transmitted; and

transmitting the master call detail record.

28. A method for generating and communicating telecommunications billing data in a telecommunications network comprising a national mobile service platform and at least one local mobile network, comprising the steps of:

collecting call traffic information at the local mobile network;

formatting the collected call traffic information into a master call detail record;

transmitting the master call detail record to the national mobile service platform;

receiving the transmitted master call detail record at the national mobile service platform;

rating the received master call detail record to generate unbilled rated usage; and

billing the unbilled rated usage to generate billed usage.

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NOTE: An electronic purse can be disposable or reloadable.

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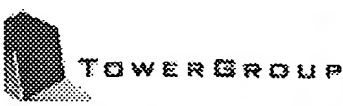
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